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U.S. Bombs North Again; Heaviest Raid in Weeks

From News Dispatches

SAIGON, March 5—American pilots, taking advantage of clearing weather, staged the heaviest attack on North Vietnam in more than a month Saturday, the U. S. Command said today.

Air Forces and Navy jets flew 110 strike and armed reconnaissance missions. Murky weather has kept missions down to about 50 a day since January.

The cruiser Canberra and the destroyer Joseph Straus of the U. S. 7th Fleet lay off the shore of North Vietnam and shelled fuel storage areas. The destroyer Benner fired on storage areas and shore batteries.

Highways Severed

The planes went after supply routes and storage areas in the southern panhandle. Pilots reported severing highways and starting a huge fire at an oil storage depot just north of the Demilitarized Zone.

The North Vietnam news agency claimed that a pilotless American reconnaisance plane was shot down over Hanoi today.

Ground action in the south slackened over the weekend. U.S. Marines reported finding 43 more bodies Saturday and Sunday in the DMZ area, bringing the total of enemy dead since the beginning of Operation Prairie II on Feb. 1 to 523.

16 Ground Operations

Currently three are 16 announced Allied ground operations under way. The largest is in the enemy stronghold of War Zone C, 60 miles northwest of Saigon, where only light contact was reported today.

To the north, near the central coast port of Quinhon South Koreans terminated their 60-day operation, code named Fierce Tiger. The Koreans claimed 211 enemy killed, 403 captured and 67: weapons seized.

A Korean spokesman sai the opeartion also opened u the main highway betwee Quinhon and Songcau, extenc ing government control ove 20,000 Vietnamese.

Nigeria Requests U.S. Assistance

Reuters

LAGOS, Nigeria, March Nigeria has appealed to th United States to assist in th rehabilitation of millions o Nigerians made homeless as . result of tribal and politica disturbances last year.

The appeal was made yester day by Sir Mobolaji Bank Anthony, chairman of the Na tional Rehabilitation Commis sion, during a meeting wit U.S. Rep. Joseph Y. Resnic (D-N.Y.), now visiting the coun try.

Mobolaji told Resnick tha funds already made availabl by the federal Nigerian gov ernment were inadequate fo resettling the displaced per sons, who needed accommoda tion, employment and educa tion for their children.

Anti-Mafia Protest

Reuters

PARTANNA, Sicily, March 5—About 2000 anti-Mafia demonstrators gathered here today for a six-day march against poverty, for which they blame the Mafia.